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‘Great’ Grandparents Help Eynsham Mum Win £2.3m Lotto Jackpot

A Eynsham mother has scooped a Lotto jackpot fortune of £2,372,694 thanks to her dedicated grandparents who bought her the winning ticket and even double-checked the lucky numbers after she thought she had lost.

Charmaine Collins (25), mother to 17-month old son Ryan, revealed how her grandparents, Bert and Sybil Evans, are literally great grandparents after discovering the win. Charmaine said: “My grandparents always get my ticket for me. Granddad and I had already checked the numbers in the newspaper against the tickets on Thursday, but we had looked at the Daily Play numbers instead of Lotto by mistake. My Gran checked them again later that evening and realised I had won. She waited until Friday morning, when she got my uncle Brian to call me and ask me to come round.

“As soon I got to their house my Gran showed me the ticket and a print out from the internet of the numbers. She said ‘look at this - you’ve won.’ I could not believe it I was screaming and shouting and everyone was joining in. We were all so excited.”

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Charmaine has already started to think about how to spend her winnings and as well as saving for her son Ryan, she plans to learn to drive and buy a new car, as well as take her first holiday abroad. She said: "My first priority will be to secure the future for Ryan and that will mean buying a house. I will also be looking after the rest of my family and treating my grandparents by giving their home a makeover. This win means the world to me and I won't ever have to worry about bills again!"

Charmaine always has two lines for each Wednesday and Saturday Lotto draw. The winning ticket was bought at Martin's, High Street, Eynsham. Her winning numbers for the draw held on Wednesday 17 August 2005 are a regular selection based on birthdays. They are: 03, 10, 13, 22, 31 and 33.

This Wednesday (24 August 2005) there is an estimated £2.9 million jackpot available to win on Lotto and a further £6.6 million estimated jackpot up for grabs on Lotto Extra – while this Friday's (26 August) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £30 million.

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